

COUNTY SCHOOLS

Number of Pupils Who Took the Examination.

WORK OF HIGHER GRADES

Has Been of Great Benefit to Pupils—
Increase Which Has Taken
Place During Past
Few Years.

Below is given a list of the central examinations held by County Superintendent Keller in the Macon county schools during the months of January and March, together with the number of pupils examined. The first number indicates those in the seventh grade and the second number those in the ninth grade:

Hadley, 12 in 8th grade, 6 in 9th grade; Excelsior, 15, 9; Upper Ridge, 2, 5; Forsyth, 11, 11; Warrensburg, 15, 14; Rolling Springs, 11, 6; Eldorado, 16, 4; East of Macon, 13, 3; Oakley, 27, 8; Bethel, 7, 8; Argenta, 9, 6; Prairie Chapel, 24, 9; White, 12, 7; Ocean Wave, 15, 13; Walker, 7, 8; Elwin, 26, 23; Mt. Zion, 30, 11; Prairie Hall, 14, 15; Nanticoke, 29, 13; Harriestown, 26, 19; Blue Mound, 22, 31; Boody, 18, 11; Macon, 14, 3.

There were 335 examined in the seventh grade and 257 in the ninth grade, making a total of 592. There were 465 who took the final examination. Superintendent Keller reports that the teacher and patrons of the schools are manifesting more interest each year in the higher work that is being done in the country schools. In 1895 the examinations represented 4,592 in the seventh grade and 15 in the ninth grade, making a total of 5,607 taking the centrals. In 1896 115 took the eighth grade and 155 the tenth grade examinations. The first regular class in the higher work was the class of 15 in 1895. The next year gave an increase of 60 per cent and the year 1897 shows an increase of 190 per cent over that of 1896. The work in the ninth grade shows marked improvement over that of two years ago, and the seventh grade work has also improved. There was a time when the grade of the pupils varied from a per cent or mark of 25 in one study to 50 in another. The boys in the schools particularly dislike the grammar and history, but this feeling has been removed by introducing the studies earlier. The teachers urge the pupils to take all the studies as laid out in the course. Superintendent Keller states that he is convinced that upon the careful systematic work of the instructor depends the success of the pupil.

Mr. Waggy for Alderman.
Russell J. Waggy is again a candidate for alderman in the First ward, subject to the Republican voters at the primary. Mr. Waggy, who has served a term in the council, has done effective work on the committees and has done his best to look after the interests of the people generally. He has many friends who will give him cordial support.

Microbes Not in It.
We boiled them at a temperature of 300 degrees F. They are all dead and gone. If you want microbes drink river or well water, but don't look for them in our Palatable Distilled Water, you will not find any. We sell water without microbes at 30¢ per per box of six half gallon bottles. Telephone 84. Decatur Bottling Works.—30-d. codlv

Change of Time.
The change of time of the Wabash trains went into effect Sunday morning and hereafter the trains will run under the new arrangement.

In Bad Shape.
The country roads are still in bad shape. Some of the roads are almost impassable and it is next to impossible for the farmers to do any hauling.

No extra charge for those large cushion rubber tired wheels on Scovill's baby buggies.—15-cf

Good Duck Shooting.
Supervisor Spence and Ed Starr were hunting at Calamus Lake Saturday. They came back with a nice string of ducks and report that there is fair shooting at the lake.

Job at Champaign.
Albert Goodman, of the Mills Lumber Co., went to Champaign today to make a bid for the lumber contract on a big job. An addition is to be built on one of the Champaign hotels.

Will Locate Here.
Attorney M. L. Harburt of Edinburg, Ind., has moved to Decatur with his family and expects to locate in the city. He will open an office and practice law.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

Born.
To Mr. and Mrs. William Cruse of 1740 East Wood street on Sunday, March 19, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Nicklaus of 1800 North Monroe street on Monday, March 20, a daughter.

Too Late for Classification.

We are authorized to announce C. E. Adams as a candidate for alderman in the Seventh Ward, subject to the Republican primary.

Building Prospects.
The lumber dealers say that there is not much prospect for building in Decatur this season. There is a possibility of some houses being built here in the fall but it is not likely anything will be done in the way of the erection of business buildings, unless it be in making repairs or additions.

Council Meeting.
The regular semi-monthly meeting of the city council will be held this evening. There is not much business on hand and it is likely that the meeting will be a brief one. After May 1st the meetings will be held once a week.

Court at Clinton.
Judge Cochran of Sullivan was in the city today on his way to Clinton where he will adjourn court until next Monday. This week he will finish the business in the circuit court of Macon county and will convene court again at Clinton on Monday.

Macon Republicans.
The Republicans of Macon township held their convention on Saturday evening. The following ticket was named:

Supervisor—H. R. Woolcock.
Treasurer—Fred J. Jostes.
Assessor—James Patterson.
Collector—M. E. Hulsebosch.
Highway Commissioners—Ed Hopson and Charles Wickham.

Sold His Interests.
John Grass has sold to James F. Taylor his interests in the bottling works of Fris & Grass. The new firm name will be Fris & Taylor.

City Treasurer.
Adam Seeforth is announced as a candidate for city treasurer, subject to the Republican convention. Adam is one of the young business men of the community, who is an effective party worker, and always a hustler. His many friends will rally to a man to his support and see to it that he secures the nomination, which of course will be equivalent to election.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware of cheap imitations.
Signature of *Dr. H. H. H. H.*

PERSONAL.

—John Grindol will go to Lincoln tomorrow on a business trip.

—A. D. Ogbe of Litchfield was in the city Sunday visiting his brother, Joe Ogbe.

—Will Foster went to Atlanta, Ill., to lay on business.

—Rev. Miller and wife and two children, Mrs. Mordeth and daughter, Miss Laura, and C. W. Crum of Macon, were in the city today.

—Dr. W. C. Bowers made a professional call at La Placa.

—Mrs. S. M. Given left today for Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for the benefit of her health.

—Leslie Williams has resigned his position as night elevator conductor at the Macon building and will be succeeded by Charles Morris, brother on the day conductor.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Stedland and children, who have been the guests of Decatur relatives for several days, have returned to their home at Ramsey.

—Mrs. Harrison, mother of Rev. Thomas Harrison, who has been seriously ill with an attack of the grip, is now able to sit up.

—Dr. John Miller went to Stonington today to perform a surgical operation.

—R. T. Mills of the State University was the guest of his sister, Mrs. M. D. Pollock, over Sunday. Mr. Mills is one of the crack university sprinters.

—C. C. Turner of Fort Scott, Kansas was the guest of his daughter, Mr. J. H. Rowland.

The Woman's Home Missionary society of Grace church will meet at 2:30 tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at the parsonage, 329 East Eldorado street. Every member is urged to be present and as many visitors as will come.

The reception which Governor and Mrs. Taft will give the members of the state legislature at their home at Springfield on Thursday evening of this week will be one of the most important social affairs of the year in Springfield.

Quarterly conference will be held at room No. 1 at the First M. E. church this evening at 7 o'clock.

The two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pickle of Riverside fell from a chair yesterday and broke his left arm. Dr. M. V. Lonergan attended him.

The Plate club will be entertained by Mrs. Rush of East William street on Wednesday afternoon.

Too many young men empty their sandboxes on the first grade.

If seeing is believing, the wide-awakeners ought to be more credulous.

SUDDEN DEATH

George S. Lyon of the
Lyon Lumber Company.

HEART FAILURE THE CAUSE

Had Been a Resident of Decatur Since
1856—One of the Leading
Business Men of the
Community.

Reader of the Republican will be shocked to learn that George S. Lyon died suddenly of heart failure at 3:39 o'clock this afternoon at his home on West Eldorado street.

Mr. Lyon had not been in the best of health but was apparently as well as ever this forenoon when he was at the lumber company's office on Cerro Gordo street. He was taken suddenly ill while at the office. His sons took him to his home, where he died. Dr. Cass Chewoweth was called but he was beyond the power of human aid.

Mr. Lyon was a native of New Jersey, where he was born May 7, 1832. He came to Decatur in 1856. The deceased was the senior member of the G. S. Lyon Lumber company and was a practical carpenter and joiner. He was the father of eight children, five sons and three daughters. Three are dead. Mr. Lyon was a member of Colesburg Lodge of Odd Fellows, and was a most exemplary citizen. He had made his own way in the world and had amassed considerable property. He leaves a widow.

The time of the funeral will be announced tomorrow.

MINERS' MEETING.

Held Sunday Afternoon—It is Understood That There are 185 Members.

The members of the local branch of the United Mine Workers held a meeting Sunday afternoon at which time some new members were admitted. The miners will not talk freely about their organization but it is claimed that the membership now numbers 185 men. Meetings will be held every Sunday afternoon.

The union offers to miners who strike \$5 per week for their support in order that they may hold out against the mine owners when they go on a strike. It is understood that some of the men who were discharged from the Decatur mines recently are endeavoring to secure from the union a money allowance for their support. It has been intimated that the visit of Vice President Russell to the city today was for the purpose of looking up this matter.

REDEMPTION NOTICES.

To Charles L. Colby, Mrs. Charles L. Colby and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes and special assessments, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1897, I, Robert Young, purchased the following described real estate, situated in said Macon county, to-wit: Lot eight (8) block four (4) in Enterprise addition to the city of Decatur for the special taxes and special assessments for the year 1896 and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed or assessed as aforesaid in the name of C. L. Colby, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 23rd day of June 1897.

ROBERT YOUNG.
Mar 20 d3t—130 14

To Martha Owen and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes and special assessments, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1897, I, Robert Young, purchased the following described real estate, situated in said Macon county, to-wit: Lot three (3) in block one (1) in Wait & Co's addition to the city of Decatur, for the taxes for the year 1896, including special taxes and special assessments, interest, and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed or assessed as aforesaid in the name of Martha Owen, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 23rd day of June 1897.

ROBERT YOUNG.
Mar 21 d3t—190 3

To C. E. Schroll and Caroline M. Powers and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes and special assessments, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1897, F. H. Tuttle purchased the following described real estate, situated in said Macon county, to-wit: Lot 10 block 4 in Powers' 4th addition to the city of Decatur for the taxes for the year 1896 and interest and costs due on the said described real estate and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed or assessed as aforesaid in the name of C. E. Schroll, and that the time of redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 23rd day of June 1897.

ROBERT YOUNG.
Mar 20 d3t—171-3

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Wednesday, March 22,

We will Have on Exhibition
An Extensive Line of.....

EXQUISITE HATS
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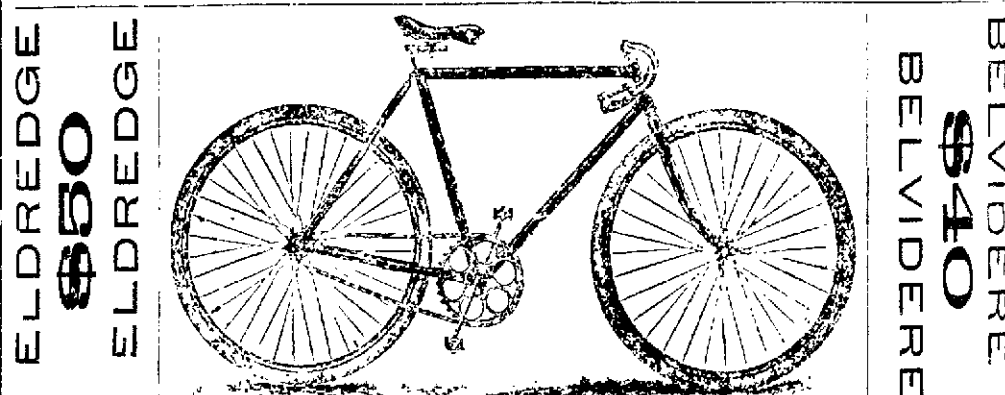
Many Exclusive Ideas in Artistic Millinery.
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Eldredge and Belvidere Bicycles.

The Most Popular Wheels in America.

We have a complete line of 1899 models in stock. Please call and see them and get a catalogue.



We are giving especially easy terms to early buyers. Please come in and let us tell you how easy you can pay for them.

J. G. STARR & SON.

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STANDARD INVESTMENT CO.
Mar 20 d3t
Assignee.
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Dr. Hugh A. Vaughan,
Dentist.
Room 401 Powers' Building
(Near Elevator Entrance)
Decatur, Illinois

NEW SPRING SUITS

Men's Fashionable Suits,
kind, new and stylish, in
the latest style, in
Serges, Cheviots -- in
shades, new weaves,
The very best make of
wear suits and trouse
ways be had of us.

New Spring Overcoats

In Plain and Herringbone Stripes

From \$5.00 to

Boys' New Spring Overcoats

Our Boys' Department

Large Assortment of New

For Boys 3 to 8, in Fancy Novels

For Boys 6 to 16, in single and

For Boys 12 to 19, in all the new

All of our New Styles in

For Spring--Soft and Delicate

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MARCH SALE

Coat, large size, covered with
heavy velvet tufted top, deep
fringe, full spring
only \$5.98

Large and heavy, well made,
heavy velvet back, arms bolted
on with iron braces, either in an-
tipex or mahogany finish,
with 22 lbs.
only \$1.49

Iron Bed, of patterns, the best
in the world, in the city.—
8x10 bed, iron
only \$1.98

A full Brass Top Iron Bed with
cast iron mattress, high
back, only \$4.98

INGRAIN CARPETS.....25c
WINDOW SHADES.....10c

We furnish your home—we show you the large
line to be found in Central Illinois. Our
policy is to save you money. We pay the
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The Big Furniture

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Shoes Cont

We have good sizes in our sale of shoes,
and putting our spring goods in stock
at low prices.

Infants' and Children's Shoes

Misses' and Ladies' Shoes...

Men's Shoes.....

These are High Grades of Shoes

All new and up to date goods at fact

You can't afford to miss this

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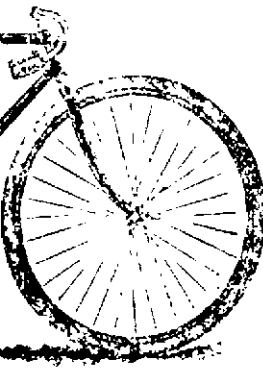
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Fit All Feet.

NEW

SPRING SUITS...

Men's Fashionable Suits, the right

kind, new and stylish, cut right in

in the latest style, in Worsted

Serges, Cheviots--in the new

shades, new weaves, new cut.

The very best make of ready-to-

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OTTENHEIMER & CO.,

The Reliable Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers.

MASONIC TEMPLE BLOCK.

MARCH SALE...

Our large stock, covered with

fine new spring top, deep

blue, full spring

ready-made. \$5.98

Large and small, well made,

labeled 100, arms bolted

with leather, leather in an-

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Large and small, the best

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Shoes Continues.

We have in our sale of shoes, and to push them out

of our spring goods in stock we will make you the

Infants' and Children's Shoes... 25c to 50c

Misses' and Ladies' Shoes... 75c to \$1.00

Men's Shoes... 75c to \$1.25

These are High Grades of Shoes in broken sizes.

All new and up to date goods at factory prices.

You can't afford to miss this sale if you need

footwear.

Rodgers & Clark,

150 Merchant Street.

SUCCESSORS TO FREEMAN BROS.

GRAIN-O BRINGS RELIEF

to the coffee drinker. Coffee drinking is a habit

that is universally indulged in and almost

universally injurious. Here you find Grain-O.

It is almost like coffee but the effects are just

the opposite. Coffee upsets the stomach, ruins

the digestion, effects the heart and disturbs

the whole nervous system. Grain-O tones up

the stomach, aids digestion and strengthens the

nerves. There is nothing but nourishment in

Grain-O. It can't be otherwise. 15 and 25c per

package.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce R. J. WAGY as a candidate for Alderman in the First Ward, subject to the Republican primaries.

We are authorized to announce Dr. LOS F. SHELLEY as a candidate for Alderman in the Sixth Ward, subject to the Republican primaries.

We are authorized to announce B. Z. TAYLOR as a candidate for Mayor, subject to the Republican city primaries and convention.

We are authorized to announce FRANK MENDITH as a candidate for Alderman in the First Ward, subject to the Republican primaries.

We are authorized to announce JOSEPHUS VEST as a candidate for Alderman in the Second Ward, subject to the Republican primaries.

We are authorized to announce FRANK H. MEYER as a candidate for Alderman in the Fourth Ward, subject to the Republican primaries.

We are authorized to announce J. B. SILVERMAN as a candidate for Alderman in the Fourth Ward, subject to the Republican primaries.

We are authorized to announce T. J. OSBORNE as a candidate for Alderman in the Second ward, subject to the action of the voters at the Republican primaries.

We are authorized to announce J. W. SANNER as a candidate for Alderman in the Third Ward, subject to the action of the voters at the Republican primaries.

We are authorized to announce JOE G. BIRNEY as a candidate for Alderman in the Third ward, subject to the Republican primaries.

We are authorized to announce F. M. YOUNG as a candidate for Alderman in the Second ward, to succeed himself, subject to the Republican primaries.

We are authorized to announce F. L. HAYS as a candidate for City Clerk, subject to the action of the Republican city convention.

We are authorized to announce MORRIS FENWELL as a candidate for City Clerk, subject to the decision of the city convention.

We are authorized to announce WALTER B. TYLER as a candidate for City Attorney, subject to the action of the Republican convention.

We are authorized to announce R. R. R. MOXMEYER as a candidate for Mayor, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

We are authorized to announce CHAS. C. WATKINS, of the firm of Outten & By, as a candidate for City Attorney, subject to the primaries of the Republican party.

LOCAL NEWS.

Smoke the Little Joker--5 cent cigar

Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on

any goods. Collateral, best rates.

March 22-4f

You pay a little more for the clothes

that Denz makes but--

California fruits at Giesman's, 143

East Prairie.

Dempsey & Hallack, painters, located

at 109 East North street, old phone

1371, should be consulted before you

have your spring painting and paper

hanging done. Their prices are very

reasonable. --1-dime.

Next Combination Sale Monday,

April 3. Get your entries in early.

This will be a good sale.

--21-dime. Ed. W. Hill & Co.

Wanted--Wiping rags at Republican

office.

Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums in

bulk, also fresh stock and large variety

of bulk garden seeds, 243 North Main

street. Open evenings. Durfee &

Culp. --march 21

To the Trade and the Public.

We have taken the agency for the

Green Tree Brewery of St. Louis.

Lager beer (Union Labor) and are pre-

pared to deliver different brands of

exquisite bottled export beers as fol-

lows: The Bohemian Pale Lager, The

Select, The Salvator. Respectfully,

Reinhardt & Swick. New Phones 241-

296. Offices 760 East Cerro Gordo

street. --13-dime

Chodet's

Little Dutch cigars are excellent. 5

for 10 cents.

HUMOROUS.

Miss Fasse--"They say marriages are

made in Heaven." Miss Pert--"Ah, then,

you have one more chance."--Syracuse

Herald.

Mrs. Wiggles--"My husband and I

never quarrel." Mrs. Waggle--"How

tame and uninteresting your life must

be!"--Somerville Journal.

"Yes, I see him. What is there so pec-

uliar about him?" "He's the con-

stantest man alive. He has started a

"Well Worry All We Want To Club."--

Boston Journal.

"I see it is becoming the fad to have

your wedding cinematographed." "But

a feller doesn't have to have his court-

ship cinematographed, thank Heaven!"

--Boston Journal.

Tommy--"That church is over 200

years old." Cissy--"My auntie says it's

only 100." Tommy--"Oh, well, I sup-

pose that as far back as she can re-

member."--Stray Strips.

Sore Throat

Sore throat and constant coughing in-

dicates an affection of the bronchial

tubes which may develop into pleurisy

or inflammation of the lungs. Do not

wait, but use Dr. John W. Bull's

Cough Syrup at once and be cured.

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COUGH SYRUP

cures Hoarseness and Sore Throat.

It is small and pleasant to take. Doctors

recommend it. Price 25 cts. At all drug stores.

SOUL STIRRING

SCENES SUNDAY

At Great Revival Meetings

in Decatur.

METHODIST JUBILEE MCH. 30

When It is Expected by Evangelist

Harrison There Will be 1000

Converts--Fifty at the Altar

--Tabernacle Meeting.

The high water mark in the Harrison revival was reached on Sunday. The day was one of intense spiritual interest and power. When Evangelist Harrison and Rev. Frost Craft paused late last evening to look over the results of the day's work they found that nearly 50 seekers had been at the altar and that there were more than 40 sound conversions. In making the announcements at the morning service Mr. Harrison announced the grand jubilee service for Thursday night, March 30, and said he hoped at that time to have at least 500 souls proclaiming their salvation through the instrumentality of the meeting. Last evening when the altar service was held the seekers crowded around the altar railing and filled the front seats his enthusiasm and courage rose to the highest pitch and he said that he did not hope for 500 new converts at the jubilee but for 1000 at least.

At the morning service the church was crowded. In the afternoon the auditorium was again filled and in the evening the number that presented themselves for admittance after the seating and standing room was all taken was larger than ever before. The crowd packed the church in a solid jam from the altar to the outside doors.

THE SERMONS.

Mr. Harrison preached both morning and evening. In the morning he took for his text "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out," and in the evening he preached from the text found in Mark VIII--XXXVI: "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul."

He said the problem of the soul is a problem that people have strove in vain to try to understand. The problem of the soul and of death is something we cannot understand. There are a great many things in the bible in this respect which we cannot understand. The problem is thrown out but it is not solved. There are a great many good people afraid of death, a great many afraid that they will not reach heaven. They are borne down with anxiety. Those who are adopted of Christ and fell fully saved are free from anxiety. The Lord said: "Fear not, little flock, it is the Father's good will to give you the kingdom."

Every person is interested in the resurrection and the question "does death end all?" There are a great many different opinions on the subject. To the business man and mathematicians who are present I will give a problem from Mark "For what does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." This is a question of loss and gain. I leave it with you to solve.

The speaker spoke of the adaptability of the language used by Christ. He used the parables in keeping with the vocation of the people to whom he talked. Every man must solve the problem according to his understanding of its meaning. He said there was no argument in the text. Christ never debates. This is a single problem, "What shall it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul."

Laura Bridgman the wonderful blind woman, said when asked to define the soul that it was that which aches. The soul is so mighty that no power can overwhelm it, no fire can consume it and no wall can crush it. "How can you afford to lose it?"

AT THE ALTAR.

The scenes that followed the close of the sermon were such as rarely witnessed even in the most successful revivals. A large number arose for prayers and when the invitation to come forward to the altar was given they crowded to the front, filling all the available space. Those who could not get to the front waited and as the first seekers were converted others pressed forward to take their places. Altogether it was a fit ending to an unusually blessed day. There were several additions to the church both morning and evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the morning service and again at the evening Rev. Frost Craft urged that all those who loved good government and a clean city and the enforcement of the laws to attend the primaries on Thursday and work for the good of the city government. He begged of them not to wait to sound their sentiments at the polls but to attend the primaries and prevent the lower element from controlling the selection of delegates. His remarks were received with applause.

At the grand jubilee service on March 30 it is thought that Rev. Robert McIntyre pastor of the St. James M. E. church in Chicago will address the meeting.

THE DEATH RECORD.

J. C. BROOKSHIRE.

Joseph C. Brookshire of Springfield died at 8 a. m. Sunday, March 19, at the residence of his sister, Mrs. H. C. Penwell, 733 North Monroe street, aged 21 years. Death was caused by kidney trouble and was very sudden. Mr. Brookshire came from Springfield to visit in Decatur about a week ago. He was then apparently in perfect health. A few days ago he suffered a severe attack and on Saturday a surgical operation was performed for his relief, but it was of no avail. The deceased is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Brookshire of Springfield.

The remains were taken back to Springfield this afternoon accompanied by the parents.

J. D. LICHTENBERGER.

The body of John D. Lichtenberger, who died at Denver, Col., February 8, was brought to this city on Sunday for burial. The deceased was a brother-in-law of Supervisor Rucker and formerly lived near Lintner. The body was accompanied to this city by Mrs. Lichtenberger and children. The burial will be at Greenwood cemetery some time tomorrow, the time not yet having been decided upon.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Boles was held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, 511 East Leffland avenue. The services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Penhalligon and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

The funeral of the infant daughter of Mrs. Mary Hutchinson, who died Saturday was held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the residence, 651 East Wood street. The services were conducted by Rev. Long, pastor of the A. M. E. church and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

M. W. of A. at Macon.

The members of the Modern Woodmen at Macon will hold an important meeting this evening. They have to candidates to initiate and the members of Eastern Camp of this city have been invited to do the work. The meeting will be followed by a banquet.

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--Lindley Jones and Chen Hon-nun are home from Terre Haute to spend the holidays with their parents.

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There will be a young people's meeting tonight at 6:15. Seats will be reserved upstairs as usual.

TABERNACLE MEETING

Large Numbers Present at Every Service--Baptisms by Rev. Hall.

Sunday was another red letter day for the tabernacle revival. There were large crowds at all three services during the day. At the morning service Dr. Evangelist Martin took for his theme "Refuge." It was a touching and soul-stirring discourse illustrating the all-powerful arm of God in our troubles. At the great mass meeting which was held in the afternoon only a few chairs were vacant. Good results was the outcome of this meeting as two came forward to accept Christ. "The Divinity of Christ," the theme upon which the evangelist spoke, was both scientific and scholarly.

Long before the opening services of the evening exercises the big building was crowded. A little later chairs were placed in the three main aisles. The crowd was immense, the standing room in the rear of the building being all taken up by those unable to obtain seats. Many were turned away from the doors on account of the crowded condition of the church.

The evangelist took for his subject "Christian Bicycling," and compared the parallelism between bicycling and Christian life. Many lines of thought upon the subject were opened up by him in comparing the two. At times his words were humorous and then sublime in his teaching. At the close of the service many persons came forward to enter the Christian life. There were also several baptisms.

Between the afternoon service and the Endeavor service a great company stayed at the tabernacle discussing the present work in the revival and planning for future work.

The Endeavor society held a very helpful service in the evening. Many enthusiastic talks were made by the members and it seemed but a continuance of the morning and afternoon meetings.

The subject for this evening will be "The Day of Small Things."

ASSESSORS INSTRUCTED

By the County Treasurer as to Their Work Under the New Law.

All of the township assessors met Saturday at the office of County Treasurer Miller, who is also supervisor of assessments. The assessment this spring will be made under the new law and the purpose of the meeting was to instruct the assessors as to the details of their work. Several weeks ago the county treasurers met at Springfield and were instructed in regard to the law and the assessors in turn will learn from the treasurers. Each assessor will be required to give a bond of \$500 to be approved by the supervisor from his township and filed with the county clerk. It has been the custom for assessors to use the books of predecessors as a guide but this they must not do any more. The real estate assessment will not be changed for four years unless improvements are made and the personal property must be assessed each year. All property must be assessed at its full market value. Dogs must be assessed at \$1 per head. The assessors will call for their books on April 1st and must have finished their work by June 1st. The pay will range from \$2.50 to \$5 per day, the matter to be settled by the town board.

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OFFICIAL CALL.

For Republican City Convention and Ward Boundaries.

The Republican voters of the various wards will hold a primary election on Thursday, March 23, 1899, from 3 to 5 p. m. for the purpose of selecting delegates to a city convention to be held Friday, March 24, at 7:30 o'clock at Greenwood cemetery for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the office of mayor, city clerk, city attorney, city treasurer. The voting places of each ward will be as follows:

First Ward--Byrd L. Davis' livery barn.

Second Ward--Archie Ward's barber shop.

Third Ward--Doake's livery stable.

Fourth Ward--Caldwell's coal office, corner Wood and Broadway.

Fifth Ward--J. R. Dougherty building, 1136 East Eldorado street.

Sixth Ward--Corner Leffland and Warren streets.

Seventh Ward--Hendricks' carpenter shop, on Green street, between Church and Union.

These will be our delegates for each 25 votes or fraction over 13 votes cast for mayor at the Decatur city election of 1897. The various wards will be entitled to delegates as follows: First ward 12, Second ward 11, Third ward 17, Fourth ward 16, Fifth ward 12, Sixth ward 14, Seventh ward 9. Candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the primary election in each ward will be entitled to receive the votes of the delegates of that ward at the city convention. At the same time and place with the primary election for delegates to the city convention there will be chosen a candidate for alderman of each ward. After the close of the polls the voters will choose a committee from each ward as a member of the city central committee to serve for two years.

J. J. Fion, Chairman.

R. J. Williams, Secretary. 23-5t

Large cushioned rubber tired wheels are on Scovill's baby buggies. --15-tf

Surgical Operation.

On Saturday Dr. A. F. Withemy performed a surgical operation on John Schroll of Pierzon. About 12 years ago Mr. Schroll was thrown from a horse and injured his back. As a result a tumor formed and the operation was for the removal of the tumor.

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